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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application. A copy of the listed documents are attached including a copy of the PCT International Search Report, Written Opinion and International Preliminary Examination Report. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the PCT International Search Report, Written Opinion and International Preliminary Examination Report.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10

I hereby certify that this Transmittal and the documents referred to as being enclosed therein are deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 25th day of October, 2002 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV173342746US addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.


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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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